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In re Application of:

Examiner: Uyen T. Ho

TRADEMARK OFFICE

Hossainy et al.

Serial No.: 10/668,781

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Title: Composite Stent with Regioselective Material and a Method of Forming the Same

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Examiner Ho:

This is a response to the Office Action mailed on October 19, 2004, which had a shortened statutory period for response that ended on January 19, 2005. Enclosed is a petition to extend the time to reply by one month to February 22, 2005.